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DEFENCE PROCUREMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence procurement had come to a standstill because of the Venkataswamy Commission probe into the Tehelka case; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to overcome this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): During the current financial year (upto October 2001) the percentage expenditure of the Budgeted Estimates under the Capital Heads for the Army is 18 percent, for the Navy is 38 percent and for the Air Force is 32 percent and under the Revenue Heads for the Army is 37 percent, for the Navy 41 percent, and for the Air Force 36 percent.

Procurement is a continuous process. Several procurement proposals are in progress and are likely to materialise in due course.